



HELP! I Need A Reference Librarian, An Archivist, And A Website Guru -- And I Found Them All In Belk Library!

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Abstract

This presentation demonstrates what happened when a Nursing Professor and a Health Sciences Librarian joined forces to build a nursing history website. At Appalachian State University's Belk Library it sparked what became an ongoing collaboration with a giant snowball research effect involving website gurus, an archivist, graduate assistants, and more librarians. Five years later, multiple research products contributing to the history of nursing and health sciences have been produced: a successful \$12,500 planning grant; statewide travel to repositories, archives, libraries, and museums; an award winning (twice!) nursing history website; video and audio nurses oral history projects; an article on the founding of health institutions submitted for publication; and a nursing history digital collection. As a result of our work, several of us have presented at conferences and meetings such as at the North Carolina Public Health Association Meeting, North Carolina Nurse Association Convention, Western Carolina University, East Tennessee State University VA Medical Museum, Appalachian Studies Association, and the North Carolina Association of Historians. Many of the oral histories on the website were the result of work performed by an ASU history graduate class. The research that went into creating the website was the foundation for a recently published book, "History of professional nursing in NC 1902-2002" by Dr. Phoebe Pollitt. We shared our experiences, the ups and the downs, with project planning, lessons learned, best practices for librarians as partners in the academic research process, and our hopes for further research and collaboration.

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Background



- 2006

Nursing program established

- 2008

Program Accredited

- 2010

College of Health Sciences

Background



- 2008 Digital Initiatives team formed in library
- NC Echo Digitization grants
 - North Carolina Exploring Cultural Heritage Online
- Campus encouragement for cross-disciplinary scholarship
- Drupal content management system

Background



- Scholarship gap in nursing history in general
- And the South in particular
- Inspired by site maintained by the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing (no longer available)

Planning & Implementation



- Initial meeting with Health Sciences librarian
- Team formed:
 - Health Sciences librarian
 - Digital Initiatives coordinator
 - University Archivist
 - Digital archivist from Special Collections
 - Library Specialist
- Meetings, wiki, data collection, ideas

Planning & Implementation

- North Carolina Exploring Cultural Heritage Online (NC ECHO)
- Planning grant funded
- 500k grant



moving on ...

The Website Launch

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- [Bulletin of the NC Board of Health](#)
- [AJN Annotated Bibliography](#)

Nursing has long been defined as both an art and a science. The untrained nurse is as old as the human race; the educated nurse is a recent phenomenon. The art of nursing has gone through many stages. From the Civil War to the September 11th terrorist attacks, nursing has played a key role in improving people's health and well being. This website is dedicated to sharing the history and heritage of organized nursing in North Carolina.

We welcome input from those interested in the history of nursing in North Carolina. Please send information/materials about individual nurses, schools of nursing, nursing organizations and events of significance to North Carolina nursing history that you think would be beneficial additions to this site to Dr. Phoebe Pollitt, RN, C pollittpa@appstate.edu for review.



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Credits – Development Phase



- Belk Library:
 - Marilia Antunez - Health Sciences Librarian
 - Kevin Clarke - Systems Librarian
 - Pam Mitchem - Digital Archivist
 - Dr. Hal Keiner - University Archivist
 - James Smith - Web Developer
 - Paul Orkiszewski – Technology Services Coordinator
- History and Nursing Departments:
 - Dr. Karl Campbell - History Professor
 - Dr. Lucinda McCrae - History Professor
 - Dr. Phoebe Pollitt - Nursing Professor
 - Graduate assistants

Scholarly Products



- Journal articles published
- Nursing History book published
- Professional presentations given
- Oral history projects developed
- Finding aid created
- North Carolina Nursing History Council established

Scholarly products inspired: Journal Articles Published in...

Publication	Year
Advance for NPs and PAs	2011
American Association for the History of Nursing Bulletin	2012
American Journal of Nursing (two articles)	2010, 2015
Chattanooga Historical Journal (three articles)	pending publication, 2015
Journal of the North Carolina Association of Historians	pending publication, 2015
Journal of Nursing Education and Practice	2013
Junior Tar Heel Historian	2012
Minority Nurse (three articles)	2009, 2010
Now and Then	2011
Tar Heel Nurse	2009

Scholarly products inspired: Nursing History Book Published

CAROLINA ACADEMIC PRESS

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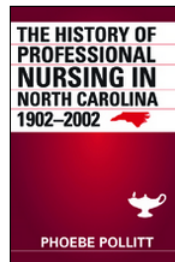
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HISTORY



The History of Professional Nursing in North Carolina, 1902-2002

by [Phoebe A. Pollitt](#)



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A History of Professional Nursing in North Carolina, 1902-2002 is the first comprehensive exploration of nursing history in the state since 1938. The scholarship on the history of health, illness, medicine, and public health is largely either physician-centered or focuses on specific health care institutions. The history of nursing has been comparatively ignored. Nursing's emergence as a profession in the early twentieth century and the influence nursing has had on the quality of life of virtually every resident and every health care institution in North Carolina in its first 100 years is a compelling story.

Nursing is an occupation and role that touches everyone. Most people are related to nurses; virtually everyone has received care from nurses. Yet, they tend to be somewhat invisible. The individual experiences of nurses and the unique development of nursing organizations, education, and practice have received scant attention from scholars. This book enhances the historical record by recounting the triumphs of individual nurses and the political and professional successes and failures professional nursing has experienced in its first century.

This book is unique in its inclusion of accounts of and from African American, Cherokee, and male nurses. Readers interested in the histories of North Carolina and its counties, health care, labor, professionalization, education, and the expansion of women's roles in society should find

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Scholarly products inspired: Professional Presentations given at...

Conference/Meeting	Year
American Association for the History of Nursing Conference	2012
ASU Nursing Honor Society induction ceremony	2011
Appalachian Studies Association Conference	2009, 2013, 2014
Meeting the Challenge: Health and Education in Appalachia and Cherokee Conference	2014
North Carolina Association of Historians Annual Meeting	2014
North Carolina Nurse Association convention	2014
North Carolina Public Health Association	2009, 2011
North Carolina Nurse Practitioner Council	2014
Watts Hospital Alumna Association 115th Annual Meeting, Durham	2010

Scholarly Products: Oral History Project



Scholarly Products: Finding Aid

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Broughton Hospital Finding Aid 2010

Broughton Hospital Archives
Office Depot: White Box #1 Inventory
By Jeremy Childers

Yellow Folder #1; Title: 1884 Sketch Bylaws.

1. Title: "Bylaws and Regulation of the Western North Carolina Insane Asylum at Morganton, N.C." Raleigh, N.C.: Ashe & Gatling, State Printers and Binders. Steam presses of Ezzell & Gatling, 1884."
 - Regular Meeting of Board of Directors Shall be held at the Asylum on the first Wed after the first Monday in March, and 2nd Wednesday of June, September, and December.
 - It is paper clipped, 30 pages - typed.
 - There are a few copies of the book in this folder.
2. Title: "Directors and Officers of the Western N.C. Insane Asylum Morganton, N.C." "By - Laws Board of Directors."
 - 27 pages - typed.
3. Another Copy of the By-Laws.
 - 7 pages.
4. Title: Regulation to be observed by Employees of the Western N.C. Insane Asylum.
 - 18 pages - typed, holes punctured.
5. Title: A report of conditions as they exist in the hospital.
 - Staple 3 times at the top.
 - 6 yellow pages.
6. Title: Report to the Superintendent of Repairs needed at State Hospital at Morganton.
 - August 3, 1948.
 - 6 pages.
7. Title: The tail Wags the Dog (Discusses newspapers reporting of Broughton Hospital).
 - Date: January 25, 1949.
 - Two press releases merit our attention.

North Carolina Nursing Association's North Carolina Nursing History Council



“North Carolina has such a long and proud history of nurses being active, and working to upgrade the profession while providing excellent state of the art patient care,” said **Nursing History Council Chair Olivia Jenkins, MSN, RN.**

“The nurses whose shoulders we stand on deserve to be recognized, and we can learn so much from what has gone before us.”



Recognition

Paul Green Multimedia Award

From the North Carolina Society of Historians, Inc.

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American Association for the
History of Nursing



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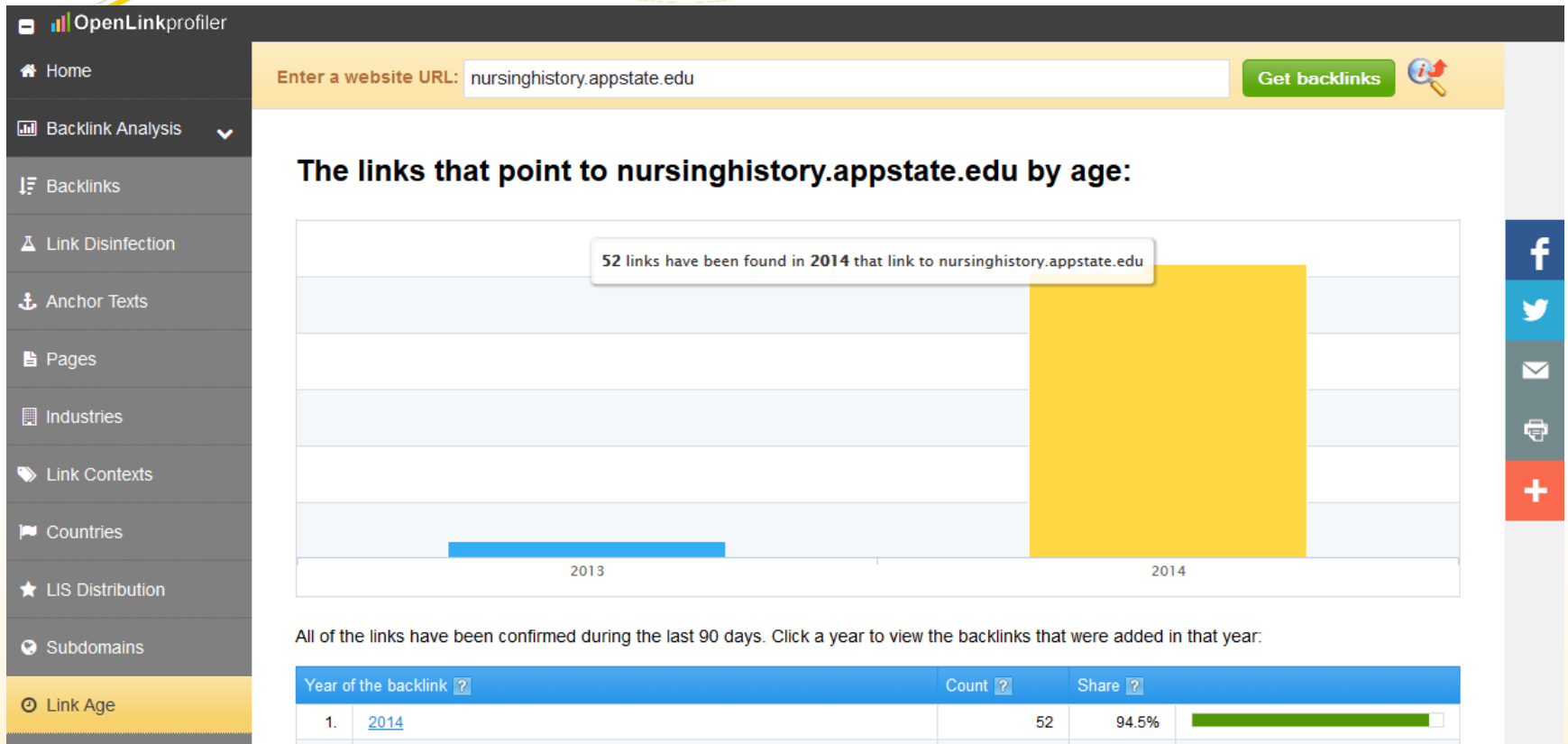
WHAT'S HAPPENING

Registration is Open for
2014 AAHN Conference

Recognition

Gibson, Mary E, P.H.D., R.N. (2013). North Carolina nursing history website. *Nursing History Review*, 21, 115-118. Retrieved from <http://0-search.proquest.com.wncln.wncln.org/docview/1033331895?accountid=8337>

Recognition



Recognition – social media !

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Military Medical Troops (Korean War)

Sally Kamae 1 117 views

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Sources:
-Korean War Museum
-http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/artic...
-http://nursinghistory.appstate.edu/ma...

Recommended Videos:

- Viet Nam 24th EVAC HOSPITAL 1968-1969.flv**
by Memeluke1945
89,804 views
- 朝鲜战争《韩战》1.5小时彩色记录片(完整版) 大陆禁片**
by beauty195941
1,318,598 views
- WikiLeaks Collateral Murder - Full Gun-cam Raw Footage (with**
by wordswithmeaning
355,478 views
- Medical History of the Army (short)**
by TheUSAHEC
238 views
- Korean War in Colour (Documentary)**
by RPG Entertainment
1,449,286 views
- WWII Navy Base Hospital No. 3, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides,**
by WWIIPublicDomain
224 views
- medic**
by borys971
12 videos
- En la Linea de Fuego, Corea del Norte**
by Fernando Villavicencio Martinez
383,922 views
- WW2: Jäger Greifen An! (German Luftwaffe captured Gun Camera)**
by The Digital Implosion
101,215 views
- Best of the Gun-cam footage (WW2)**
by FootageArchive
79,843 views
- Incredible World War Two Gun Camera Footage.**
by Ostermonster92
140,002 views
- WW2: Medical Service in the Invasion of Normandy (40.44)**

Recognition – social media !

Levine Museum of the New South



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Community Interaction



Moving from Jackson Pollock to Theo van Doesburg



Jackson Pollock, Free Form, 1946, The Museum of Modern Art, 80170, Artstor
Theo van Doesburg, Simultaneous Composition, 1929, Yale University Art Gallery, 49581, Artstor

Ongoing development

North Carolina Counties

The screenshot shows the 'North Carolina Nursing History' website by Appalachian State University. The page is titled 'Cherokee County' and is categorized under 'Region: Western'. It includes a search bar and navigation links for 'About', 'Timeline', 'Biographies', 'Oral Histories', 'Education', and 'NC Counties'. A 'FEATURED RESOURCES' sidebar lists links like 'A Century of Caring Video' and 'The History of Nursing in North Carolina'. The main content area provides a brief history of nursing in Cherokee County, mentioning Nurse Elsie Lail and Nurse Lula Owl Gloyne.

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Cherokee County

Region: Western

Learn more about the history of nursing in Cherokee County in Western NC

Quick Facts about Cherokee County

- 27,444 citizens (2010 Census)
- 455.43 square miles; 60.3 people per sq mile
- For more information, see the [Cherokee County, North Carolina](#) website

People and Biographies

Scott, B. (3-29-87) Healer of the Hills. Asheville Citizen Times. This article follows home health nurse Marilyn Augustin who worked in Clay, Cherokee and parts of Macon Counties.

An article about Nurse [Elsie Lail, RN](#) who was from Topton and worked as a public health nurse in Cherokee County. She graduated from the Knoxville General Hospital school of Nursing class of 1946. Born in Murphy, NC, and raised around Cherokee.

- She was a member of the Army's Cadet Nursing Corps, then worked as a public health nurse for about 35 years. She "retired" and moved back to Western NC, where she now owns a restaurant.
- [Nurse Elsie Lail's obituary](#)

Nurse Lula Owl Gloyne was the first Eastern Band Cherokee Registered Nurse. In the 1920s, she served her tribe and community as a US Indian Health Service nurse providing home health and midwifery services. In the 1930s Gloyne was responsible for the founding of the first hospital for the Cherokee tribe.

Pullitt, P.A. (2010) [Public Spirit](#). Minority Nurse.

Ernestine Walkingstick, R.N.

- Like most registered nurses, Ernestine Walkingstick had worked in several capacities before settling into the position of the Director of Community Health Nursing for the Cherokee Indian Reservation. She was an ideal community health nurse. She knew the reservation well - she knew the families from the babies to the elderly. She was instrumental in establishing and assisting in the clinic for the Indian population in the Robbinsville area. She

Template developed

Quick facts:

- 2010 census population
- Size and people per sq mile
- Link to the county website

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Wilkes County

Region: Western

Learn more about the history of nursing in Wilkes County

Miscellaneous

- Hubbard, F.C. (1978) Physicians, medical practice and development of hospitals in Wilkes County 1830-1975. Self published in Wilkes County, NC. Copy found in Appalachian Collection at Appalachian State University, Boone, NC.

Biographies

From the book "Voices" by Dr. Evelyn Wicker:

Biography of Dr. Joan Mathews, RN

- Brunt, Q. (1994) Caring without politics: lessons from the first nurses of the north and south. *Nursing History Review* Vol 2, pp 119-136. Information about Sallie Chapman Gordon Low of Wilkes County, considered the "Mother of Confederate Nursing".
- Oral history of Faith Sparks Hawkins, WWII nurse from Wilkes County.
- Oral history of Edna Andrews Weston, WWII nurse from Wilkes County.
- Article about Lucille Posivio, RN.

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Wilkes County

Region: Western

Learn more about the history of nursing in Wilkes County

Quick Facts

- 69,340 citizens (2010 Census)
- 754.28 square miles; 91.9 people per sq mile
- For more information, see the [Wilkes County, North Carolina](#) website.

People and Biographies

- Excerpt from "Voices: Lincoln Hospital School of Nursing, Durham, North Carolina, 1903..." by Dr. Evelyn Wicker, a book of the history of Durham's African-American school of nursing: [Biography of Dr. Joan Mathews, RN](#).
- Brunt, Q. (1994). Caring without politics: lessons from the first nurses of the north and south. *Nursing History Review*, 2, 119-136. Information about Sallie Chapman Gordon Low of Wilkes County, considered the "Mother of Confederate Nursing."
- The Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Project, Special Collections & University Archives, University Libraries, The University of North Carolina - Greensboro:
 - Oral history of [Faith Sparks Hawkins](#), WWII nurse from Wilkes County
 - Oral history of [Edna Andrews Weston](#), WWII nurse from Wilkes County
- Article about [Lucille Posivio, RN](#) and her work at an assisted living home in Wilkesboro after taking a course through the Northwest AHEC RN Refresher Program.

Special Topics

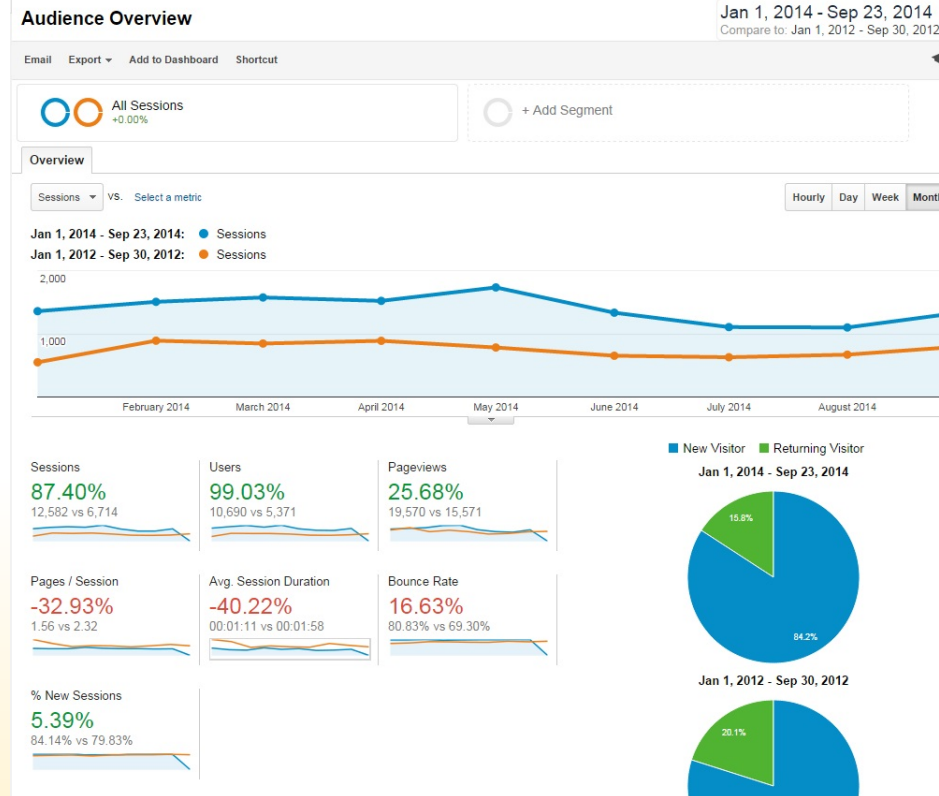
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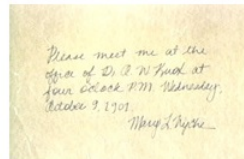
Into the future... dynamic digital collections

Biography of Nurse Mary Lewis Wyche

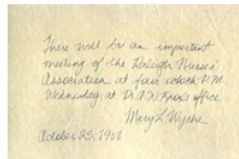
Mary Lewis Wyche was born on February 26, 1858 near Henderson in Vance County. As a young woman, she wanted to become a nurse but was thwarted by both family obligations and the absence of any schools of nursing in North Carolina. Her calling to become a nurse was so great that when she was able, she moved to Philadelphia to study nursing and graduated from Philadelphia General Hospital Training School in 1894. Upon graduation, she returned to the Tarheel State and revolutionized the nursing profession (Rogers, 1949). Wyche should be fondly remembered by NC nurses for four primary achievements: the establishment of the first school of nursing in NC, the creation of the first professional nursing organization in the state, the passage of the first nurse registration law in the country and for writing the only book about the history of nursing in North Carolina.



Wyche's first major accomplishment was the establishment of the first school of nursing in North Carolina. After graduating from nursing school, Wyche's became the matron (Chief Nursing Officer) of the newly established Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Understanding the importance of an educated nursing workforce to the health of the states' citizens, Wyche undertook the major task of creating the first school of nursing in North Carolina - Rex Hospital Training School for Nurses. Wyche recalled the early days of the school this way: "The hospital of only 23 beds was rather small to have a school of nursing, but there were patients who needed care and young women who wanted to be taught the art of nursing" (Wyche, 1938).



The postcards Mary Lewis Wyche sent to Raleigh area nurses when she established the first nursing organization in North Carolina.



Five students were in the first class. They reported to the hospital at 8 in the morning and remained until 6 pm every night. Classes were held four times a week and included anatomy, surgery, material medica, obstetrics and practical nursing. The classroom was located close enough to the patient care area that students could hear the call bells and leave class to take care of patients when needed. After 2 and ½ years

of training, the first class graduated in 1897, becoming the first North Carolina trained graduate nurses (Wyche, 1938).



Wyche's was responsible for the creation of the North Carolina State Nurses Association. Wyche frequently attended professional gatherings in other states. After meeting with other nurses at the International Council of Nurses in Buffalo, New York in the spring of 1901, she returned to Raleigh determined to form a state wide nursing organization dedicated to using nursing registration and legislative advocacy to improve the profession and patient care. However, her new task was not easily accomplished. Wyche sent postcards to every nurse in Raleigh requesting their presence at a founding meeting of the Raleigh Nurses Association. Unfortunately not a single nurse showed up. However, Wyche was not a quitter. In two weeks she sent a second postcard inviting the same nurses to an important meeting of the newly formed Raleigh Nurses Association. This piqued the nurses' curiosity, and every single graduate nurse in Raleigh attended

Into the future... implement an interactive map

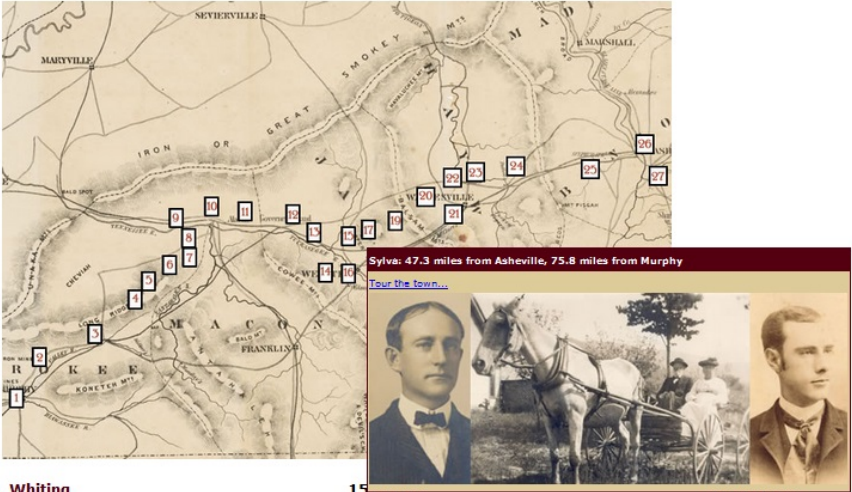
Travel Western North Carolina

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Following Wagon Trails - 1890s

Before the first train reached Asheville, North Carolina in 1880, travel throughout the region was by wagon, horse, or coach. The time honored art of walking remained a fact of life in many communities.

The first of three geographically based timelines, *Following Wagon Trails* focuses on late 19th century life in western North Carolina. The "trails" stop at 27 different communities that are described from contemporaneous accounts of life and travel in the 1880s and 1890s. Each stop also provides historical commentary on the illustrations.



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Want to travel more? [Take the train in the 1910s](#) or [Motor through the mountains in the 1930s](#).

A note on the spelling of place names – Several of the place names used in the text of this site have variant spellings. For instance, historical sources may spell the Tuckasegee River as

Present Contributors



Belk Library:

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- ◀ James Smith, Web Developer

Nursing Department:

- ◀ Dr. Phoebe Pollitt, Nursing Professor
- ◀ Graduate assistants

Into the future...ensuring the baton is passed:

Nursing: North Carolina Nursing History Council

Library:

- ◀ James Smith, Web Developer
- ◀ Subject Specialist librarians? Health Sciences? History?
- ◀ Digital Projects librarians?

Petite Literature Review

Challenges of Digital Humanities in Libraries



Posner, M. (2013). No Half Measures: Overcoming Common Challenges to Doing Digital Humanities in the Library. *Journal of Library Administration*, 53, pp. 43-52.

- Insufficient training opportunities
- Lack of support for librarian-conceived digital initiatives
- Too many tasks, too little time
- Lack of authority to marshal the appropriate resources
- Inflexible infrastructure
- Lack of incentive
- Complexity of collaborating with faculty – not always equitable, balanced relationship
- Overcautiousness
- Diffusion of Effort
- Lack of Real Institutional Commitment

Petite Literature Review

Best Practices in Digital Collaboration



Lanz, D., Zarndt, F., Boddie, S., Powell, T., and Salgotra, V. (2009). The new Papers Past: an international collaboration between New Zealand, India, Germany, and the United States. *OCLC Systems & Services*, 25(4), pp. 287- 294. DOI: 10.1108/10650750911001860

- ◀ Understanding of the requirements
- ◀ Reasonable plan
- ◀ Good team with clear leader
- ◀ Measuring project status
- ◀ Document and communicate everything
- ◀ Measures for usage and product quality
- ◀ **Clear communication and building trust**

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Early Successes

Lanz et al:

- Understanding the requirements
- Reasonable plan
- Good team with clear leader
- Measuring project status
- Document and communicate everything
- Measures for usage and product quality
- Clear communication and building trust

Challenges & Lessons Learned

- Looking to the future:
 - ◀ Leadership
 - ◀ New content and projects
 - ◀ Workflows
- Harnessing usage statistics
- Static website->dynamic?

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Questions, comments, discussion?